

Brig of War Oliver Cromwell  
Novem<sup>r</sup>. 1 Saturday. Fair fine  
Wind Easterly.

2 Sabbath. Fair & pleasant Wea-  
-ther. — From this to the  
9<sup>th</sup> we had in general good  
breezes; but squally Winds  
& much Rain intermixed.  
Running as far Sby. as 23°: 2  
& by Sunday 9 Long. in 45°: ~~not~~  
nearly. Nothing remarkable  
happened in this Time —

Several were anointed for the  
Itch — Several were Sick &  
took Emet. & Cath. ~~and~~  
one wounded in the Wrist  
by a Knife & Several Boils

10 Monday. To Wednesday in-  
-clusive, Fine Winds &  
Weather notwithstanding some  
intermixed Squalls & Rain.  
Wednesday 12: Early am saw  
Sail to Leeward bore away  
could not come up with



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13 Thursday. Fair fine Breezes.  
Long<sup>i</sup> 54° 0' Lat. 25° 27'

14 Friday. Fair, small Winds &  
pleasant. Friday.

15 Saturday. Fair & moderate  
Winds Long<sup>i</sup> Lat. 26. 18

Drove the Brig upon a  
kreen to clean & tallow  
her Bottom, being very  
foul. . . . .

Sunday to Tuesday mo-  
derate with frequent Calms

19 Wednesday Fair, brisk  
gales of Wind & rough  
Sea. - Lat. 29. 35 Long<sup>i</sup>

20 Thursday & Friday Fair  
calm. Windy. Winds & rough Sea.

Saturday. Fair moderate  
pleasant. Small Wind N.B.



Oliver Cromwell Brig of War  
one of their Anchors, & a Sack of  
the Fruit! — That they despaired of  
being able to arrive at America  
& determined to put into some  
French or Spanish Port, had it  
we providentially came across the  
again.

30 Thursday. Fair, raw, cold wind,  
July & rough sea — Sent our Boat  
on Board the Pire, took our Mr  
Dixie & one of the Hands; & sent  
Mr Thrash to take & command  
her, & carry <sup>us</sup> into Bilbao, with  
Ders Monst. Geoedogue to sell the  
Fruit (if much damaged) & go  
ward the Vessel with a cargo  
to Salem; & keep the Comd  
till we came in there: But  
Fruit was fit to proceed on  
Voige, then to leave the  
as aforesaid — & proceed  
to Salem. — PM Saw a  
to windward & hailed our Wind  
her, but could not come up with  
her before Dark, & consequently  
lost ~~the~~ Sight of her this Night,  
however, managed our Course in  
best Manner, so as not to lose



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31 Friday. Fair pleasant Weather.  
At 3 AM saw the Sail  
again, & gave chase. At 4 AM  
gave her a gun & brought her  
too. — She was a small Sloop  
called the 3 Sisters, about 60 Tons  
Murther, loaded with Butter, and  
Sheep Huts; from Cork, bound  
to Lisbon, out 3 Days. Capt  
Comand.

Bill of Lading as follows  
12 Butter

Sent her into Bilbao by Mr  
Storton with orders to Monje  
Quadeque to sell the Vessel &  
Cargo if practicable, if not to  
load the Cargo & ballast her with  
& immediately for Salem to  
be sold. — At 6 AM saw a Sail  
& stood for her came up fired a  
gun & brought her too. She was  
a Sweden Ship. — — — —

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Aug: 2 ~~Wednesday~~ Fair, light breeze  
& smooth sea. Early AM saw  
a sail & stood for her. At 9 30  
came up, judged her to be Capt.  
Lee of Marblehead, a Privateer.  
Brig fired 2 guns to leeward in  
Token of Friendship. At 10 30  
came up sent our small Boat  
on Board him, to bring him  
on Board us to dinner. He  
came on Board accordingly, &  
informs us that he has taken  
9 Prizes some of which he has  
retaken, some were in Ballast  
which he gave the Prisoners, &  
4 he had sent Home Laden  
with Bale Goods & Provisioned  
— Agreed to keep Company  
with us & Cruise in Comfort  
several Days. — At 6 PM  
saw a sail standing for us —  
at 7 bore away. Soon after  
hove in Stays for her, & came up  
with her. She was a Dutchman.  
Kept in Company with our  
Comfort, with whom we spoke  
as Dutch. — — —



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4 Sabbath. Fair, very pleasant, & small breezes! - Early AM saw a sail & stood for her; but soon found her to be a Man of War, of 60, or 70 guns. - Our Oars & rowed for several hours. - Soon dropt her aftern. - At 4 PM lost sight of Capt. Lee. - - -

5 Monday. Fair, pleasant Weather  
At 6 AM a ship on our weather  
Bow, supposed to be the Man of  
War which chased us yesterday.

6 Tuesday. Fair, moderate and  
pleasant. At PM saw a sail  
discovered her to be a Man of War  
At Night lost sight of Her.

7 Wednesday: Fair pleas. Weather  
Early AM saw the Man of War  
in Chase - She continued Chase  
all Day. - At 7 saw a sail ahead  
& at 8 came up & took her. She  
was a Brig from Cork in Ballast  
- gave her to the Prisoners & sent  
her away. - Soon after saw another  
sail ahead stood for her, came up &  
took her being a fine Brig from  
Cork for Lisbon Laden with Butter  
& Beef sent her home by Capt.



Brig of War Oliver Crowell

Gray. — She was formerly an American Privateer called the Montgomery mounting 18 guns, taken & carried in to Gibraltar. Capt. Tibbey Commander. She had several Laidys on Board, bound to Lisbon, whom we determined to take on Board us, & together with all our other Prisoners land them (as they were affectionately desirous of it) on the British Shore. — But at 3 P.M. saw 2 Briggs, which we bore away for; & not knowing what they might prove to be, ordered Capt. Gray to keep away from us, on a westward Course. Our Oars (being a small breeze) & rowed towards them. — They kept near each other & hove too, to <sup>and</sup> formed in a posture of attack receive us. — Every thing being prepared for Battle we advanced — one of them gave several Shots which we took no notice of, till we came nigh enough to give her 2 Broad Sides — She continuing her Fire. — By our well directed Fire she was compelled to strike to us, & earnestly beg of us to desist our Fire on her. — Our Capt. then ordered to bear away for the other Brig; which orders were



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were immediately complied with. —  
We then charged the other with  
an incessant Fire for almost 3  
glases. — She returned our Fire  
for some Time with Spirit,  
but being disabled wore off,  
~~and~~ The other which fell a  
Stern, & notwithstanding she had  
fairly struck to us; yet seeing  
her Partners Fire, she worried  
us with her ~~the~~ Bow-Chances:  
but did us no Damage. — But  
now our Officers began to think  
of the Man of War which had  
been in Chase all Day, & was  
now reasonably expected to be  
near up with us; therefore being  
dark, they rightly judged it best  
to give over the Assault for this  
Night, lest falling in between  
three of them, we must be obliged  
to submit; & <sup>so</sup> altered our Course.

The Engagement lasted about  
3 glases, in which Time Capt.  
Coley, (to his eternal Honour be  
it remembered) with all the other  
Officers



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Officers behaved with the greatest  
Magnanimity & Bravery possible.  
The Seamen & Marines also, with  
remarkable Unanimity, ~~and~~ good  
Order, & Heroism seemed to vie  
with each Other, which should ex-  
cel in their several Departments.

Then must our parent State confess,  
That we their freeborn Sons excel;  
In Courage, & true Excellence, with  
Our British Peers, tho' ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~yet~~ <sup>yet</sup>.

Cale, with his braver Officers,  
His Men both martial, bold & brave.

\* The muse here seems to have abruptly  
taken her flight -



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through the marvellous Goodness  
of God not one Life was lost  
on our Side; our 1st Lieut. was  
wounded by a Cannon Shot in  
<sup>both</sup> his Thighs, just above the Knees

\* One or two of the Men were  
very slightly wounded. — Our  
Brig rec<sup>d</sup>. Several Shots in her  
Hull, Rigging &c. but y<sup>e</sup> Damage  
was inconsiderable. — What

the Enemy's Loss & Damage was  
cannot be ascertained; by the  
best probable Conjectures it must  
be considerable. <sup>At</sup> One of our

Main-top men <sup>was</sup> sitting upon the

Chest, <sup>in the Main Top</sup> containing the Ball &c  
for their Swivels & Blunderbusses  
one of the Enemy's doubleheaded  
Shots came & struck part of the Truss-  
-le. Tree upon which the Top ~~is~~ is  
supported, & directly under the Chest  
whereon he sat. the upper Head of the  
Shot struck the Bottom of y<sup>e</sup> Chest,  
tore it all in Pieces — elevated the  
Person, & discharged the contents of  
the Chest upon Deck, without any  
Damage to any Person.



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7 Thursday. Fair, fresh breeze & rough Sea.

8 Friday. Fair, good Weather. — Early AM saw 2 Sails & stood for them; but soon perceived one of them to be a British Man of War — We tack'd she gave us chase — Out Oars — rowed several Glashes. — In the Afternoon saw 2 Sails a Head, — made all Sails for her — being almost calm, Out Oars again; & before Night, discovered several Sails more, which by Information were a Fleet of Transports under Convoy of 3 Men of War.

9 Saturday. Brisk Gale, ~~Squally~~ Rainy, & high Sea. Early AM saw some of the Fleet which were in sight yesterday. — Our Brig is now very foul; yet none have hitherto been able to beat her.

10 Sabbath. Brisk Gale, & rough Sea, with squally Wind & a little Rain.



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11 Monday. Cloudy, dirty wet Weather with rough Wind & Sea. -

Nothing remarkable happened.

12 Tuesday. Fair moderate & pleasant,

Early AM saw a Sail stood for her & came up with her, She was a Frenchman. Saw another large Ship & bore away for her till we discovered her to be a Man of War & halled our Wind. -

13 Wednesday. Fair, very pleasant, small Wind & smooth Water.

Early AM saw a Sail, & stood for her. At 11 came up & took her. - She was a small Sloop from Isle of Man bound to Port a Port in Ballast. -

Took out some Sail, a Gun & Sundries. - put our Prisoners on Board & sent her away.

14 Thursday. Fair, moderate & very Pleasant. AM Saw 2 Sails



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15 Friday. Fair pleasant Weather  
Saw a Sail & gave chase  
did not come up before Night

16 Saturday. Fair good Weather  
At 1 AM came up with the  
chase & took her. She was  
a Brig in Ballast from Lon-  
don bound to Malaga, called  
Com<sup>r</sup>.

At 5 AM saw another & gave  
chase - at 11 took her. She  
a Brig from London called  
<sup>Little Betty</sup> bound to Venice Trueman  
Com<sup>r</sup> - Laden with Fish  
Several Bales of Goods, some  
China Ware, & other Valua-  
- bles; some of which we  
took on Board. - At 2 PM  
saw another Sail and  
gave chase - came up &  
took her, a fine Brig from  
bound to

A fine Prize 103 Bales of  
Goods. She sailed under French  
Colours & had a French Cap<sup>t</sup>.  
& Crew. - Sent her home by  
our 2<sup>d</sup> Mate Mr. Primblick -  
God send her a safe Passage & arrival



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Sunday 17 Cloudy & misty. —  
Nothing remarkable happened.

18 Monday. Fair pleasant Weather  
Saw 3 Sails which we brought  
too, — One a French man ~~on~~  
on Board of whom we put  
~~our~~ 9 Prisoners. — Another  
an America Brig from Carolina  
bound to France; & the other  
a Spaniard. — We are now  
standing in for Bilbao. —

19 Tuesday. Fair pleasant Weather  
& small Winds. — Early AM  
made Land viz. Cape Ortugall  
<sup>in ~~France~~ Spain</sup>  
Saw several Sails to windward  
<sup>Wednesday.</sup>

20 Fair pleasant Weather & Calm.  
We are now crossing the Bay of  
Biscay toward Bilbao. Several  
Sails in Sight.

21 Thursday. Fair pleasant  
Weather & small Windy.  
One Sail in Sight on our  
~~Star~~



The Brig of War Oliver Cromwell

22 Friday Fair - Made Land  
under our Starboard Quarter

✓ 23 Saturday. Fair & hot. Early  
the our Pilot carried us over the  
Bar; & anchored close under Port  
- galeot. Went on Shore, & at  
3 PM hove up Anchor & rowed  
up River as far as Allivago  
a very pleasantly situated Town  
on the River. - Here by two Ame-  
-rican Privateers, viz. Capt. Giddings  
of Civil Usage Brig 14 Guns, and  
Capt. Buffington of the True American,  
which last had taken nothing.

24 Sabbath. Fair & hot - The Small  
-Pox Rife - Several buried in a  
Day & all the Ships Crews which  
had not had it were inoculated

25 Monday. Fair & hot. This Day  
I was obliged to be inoculated  
which was performed by Doct  
of the Brig Civil Usage  
At night took a Mercurial. Well



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26 Tuesday. Fair & hot. 7 Motions from the Pills - Low in Spirit. Five more of our People were inoculated.

27 Wednesday. Fair & very hot. Took bath. Gallag. P.M. went up to Bilboa Town Bot. a Piece of Holland 4<sup>th</sup> at 11<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. Warfloat Wrecker

28 Thursday. Thick Air. Sultry ~~Remained on Board all Day~~ A.M. walked on Shore, & diverted myself in innocent Company & Amusement. - Melancholly Apprehensions respecting the Small Pox; however, endeavour to commit myself & Case to the Disposal of a Divine Providence. At Night took 6 Gr. Calomel

29 Friday. Fair & hot. Calomel produced 2 Motions. Had an itching in my Arm, where it was inoculated & Pain in my Head & Limbs, with alternate Heats & Colds. A restless Night. Gave my inoculated Patients Elix. Con. Ros. R & Mer. Dule.



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30 Saturday. Fair & Hot. AM. walk'd  
on shore - waited upon Dr.  
of the True American to Hospital  
where he had 37 of the crew under  
Operation - Symptoms coming on.  
The Dr. & several Gentlemen came  
off & dined with us. PM went on  
board Capt. Swasey from Newbury  
by Capt. Desire to see his Mat. Dr.  
At Night gave 5 small-Patients  
Mr. Dule 3 gr. - took a dose myself  
gave our Gunner Sunding for y. Clap  
Mr. Dr. for his Leg!

31 Sabbath. Cloudy & some Rain  
Early AM. arose, took a Cath. Jolap.  
& gave the same to my fellow-  
Poemen. also 2 doses Physick to 2  
others, & an Emet to another. - I  
begin to feel the Symptoms more  
& more viz. Alternate Heat & Colds  
Head-ach - Eye balls sore & ach &  
a great Sinking & Lassitude.



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Sept. 1 Monday. Cloudy & muggy.

One or two of our people  
were inoculated again. — I  
almost froze in the Forenoon,  
but in the Afternoon feverish

2 Tuesday. Fair. halled our Vessel  
on the ways to Green & Clean.  
A.M. I am much indisposed, pain  
Back-ach - Head-ach &c &c.  
M.D. discovered a ~~Pock~~ Pock  
on my Cheek. — At Night gave  
3 Calomel.

3 Wednesday. Overcast, Nly Wind.  
Gave Allen Jalapina for y<sup>e</sup>. S. Pox.  
My Pock come out very well, & I  
feel better. Walk on Shore. —  
Bought a pair of Trowsers 4½  
Pistareens. Take no Medicines but  
strictly adhere to a low Diet.  
Gratia Dei.

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Ph! Miseri mei, non ad huc! Sept. 3.  
Taken all our Bibles & returning Home Aug.



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4 Thursday. Overcast & sultry.

One of our People break out!

I have now about 100 Pock,  
very kind. Take no Medicines; but  
exercise as much as I can with  
- out heating myself & live low.

5 Friday. A cloudy & fair  
Capt. Giddings of the Privateer  
Brigg Civil Usage, fell down the  
Kicker to go out on his Cruise.

I have had but one or two Pock come  
out since yesterday, & hope to have  
no more. They fill fast & well.

We are getting in our Com. Tart.  
Water & Wood to proceed our Cruise.

+ Capt. Nath. West came on Board a  
Passenger to go Home. He had  
been taken Prisoner & carried to  
London; but made his escape  
here.

6 Saturday. Fair & pleasant.

Mr Stanley has y<sup>e</sup> Symptoms.

My Pock fill & are very sore  
and painful.

X Capt. Nath. West



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7 Sunday. Fine pleasant Weather.  
Boats fill well. - - -

8 Monday. Fair & pleasant. - -  
Stanly breaks out. - I innocen-  
tated Will. Cotton. - - -

9 Tuesday. Fair & pleasant.  
My Boats begin to turn. We  
are taking in Wood & Water  
for Sea.

10 Wednesday. Fair & pleasant,

11 Thursday. Fair & hot. - I take  
Physick. Stanly breaks out the  
natural Way & is removed on Shore.

12 Friday. Fair, dry & hot. -

13 Saturday. Fair & pleasant.  
Taking in Provisions. See.

14 Sunday. Fair & pleasant.  
Will<sup>m</sup> Cotton breaks out & is  
carried on Shore to Mr. Stanly.

15 Monday. Fair, pleasant. -  
Attend the Sick, & walk on  
Shore.



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16 Tuesday. pleasant weather.

17 Wednesday. Pleasant Weather.  
Began to receive our Prize Money  
for a Brig & Sloop which were  
sold here viz Butter ad H<sup>h</sup>ysatt  
& Currants at a Hysatt. - Shares  
at the rate of 20 Dollars - - -

18 Thursday. Fair & dry. - Went  
to Town rec<sup>d</sup>. 100 Dollars; &  
bought sundry things. - -

19 Friday. Fair. - A Negro break  
out with the small Pox. also  
Joseph Cloutman. - -

20 Saturday. Fair & pleasant. -  
Attend the Sick, & walk on Shore -

21 Sabbath. Fair & pleasant. -  
Early AM hoove Anchor & fell  
down the River to Port Belatt.  
& there Moor'd. - -

22 Monday. Fair & pleasant. -  
Brought down Mr. Stanty  
Jas. Cloutman & Will Cotton  
from Allivago - -



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23 Tuesday. Dirty weather & much rain, with a bad Bar. could not get out.

24 Wednesday Fair Weather.

25 Thursday. Fair & pleasant.

Our Pilot came on Board, & at 8 fell Down the River & got over the Bar; in company with the Snow Neptune Capt. Swasey & the Brig Wolf Capt. Worth.

26 Friday. Fair pleasant Weather small Windy. Several Sails in sight.

27. Saturday. Fair light Windy. Saw several Sails. - gave chase to one & brought her too. - She was a Spaniard from Ferrol bound to Bilbao. - - -

28 Sabbath. Fair Weather. Spoke with a Frenchman. Saw many Sails of one kind & another but no Englishmen!



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29 Monday. Fresh Breeze & rough  
Sea Saw a Sail & gave chase  
Spoke with one a Frenchman.  
Several more Sails pass'd by.

30 Tuesday. Fair fresh Breeze.  
Saw a Sail & hauld our Wind.  
then wore & stood for her. ear-  
-ried away our Fore topmast  
Hove too to mend it. then gave  
chase. came up fired a Gun  
brought her too. a Swede

Oct. 1 Wednesday. Squally & Rain  
fresh Wind & a bad Sea.  
Saw a Sail & gave chase  
Spoke her a Frenchman from  
Bourdeaux bound to Porto Prince

2 Thursday. All Cloudy & Rain  
On Fair Saw a Sail & stood  
for her. — At last it gave  
3 Bow Chances upon which she  
brought too & we took her.  
She was a Snow from Newfoundland  
with ~~2700~~ near 3000 Quintals of Fish  
called Castles Corn.



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3 Friday. Fair & pleasant.  
Gave 3 Men Purges.

4 Saturday. Fair & moderate.  
Saw a Sail & gave chase at 3  
PM came up & brought her too.  
She was a Frenchman. - Put all  
our Prisoners on Board her. -

5 Sabbath. Fair moderate & pleas.  
At 2 PM saw a Sail a head; also  
made Land, viz. of Burlings and  
Part of the Coast of Portugal.  
Came up with the Sail & took  
her. She was a Brig from New  
-found Land with 1200 Quintals  
of Fish called The Lark  
Capt. Canterbury

6 Monday. Fair & moderate. No  
Sail in Sight. - Gave 2 Men  
Physick.

7 Tuesday. Fair brisk Winds.  
At 4 PM made the Rock of Lisbon  
& the Burlings. -

8 Wednesday. Fair pleasant.  
Saw one or two Sail



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9 Thursday. Fair, very pleasant  
and small winds. Saw several  
Sail - stood for one, our Carr  
came up & fired a Gun - She  
was a Swede.

10 Friday. Fair & pleasant with  
a fine breeze. Early AM saw  
5 Sail, gave chase to one,  
at 9 came up & brought her  
too, she was a Frenchman  
bound to Dunkirk  
put all our Prisoners on board  
Chased another. - a Frenchman

11 Saturday.

12 Sabbath. Squally & rainy  
Strong Gale & rough Sea  
Dressed Several Wounds.

13 Monday. Fair ~~very~~ ~~pleasant~~  
high Wind & rough Sea

14 Tuesday. Fair & pleasant



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13 Wednesday. Fair & pleasant.  
Spoke several Sails of French  
men. At —

14 Thursday. At 1 AM Saw  
a Sail, thick Weather. — At  
5 Saw her again in Chace  
close under our Stern, made  
Sail from her; but she came  
up fast — Discovered her to  
be a Frigate. — Now she  
began to fire at us — many  
of her Shot went over us  
Several struck our Stull &  
Sails. — We hove our guns  
overboard & stowed some  
Water & by that means got  
a little from her.

17 Friday. The Man of War  
in Chace ~~had~~ by. We  
thowed & kept at a Distance



in the Brig Oliver Cromwell

18 Saturday. Fine Weather.

Lost sight of the Man of War

19 Sunday. Pleasant Weather  
& light breezes of Wind  
standing homeward.

20 Monday. Fine Weather &  
light breezes

21 Tuesday. Fair & pleasant  
Several Sick & shivering  
light airs of wind.

22 Wednesday.

23 Thursday.

24 Friday

25 Saturday



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26 Sunday. Fair Weather and  
light breeze — In sight of  
of the Canary Islands — The  
Sloop in Tow. —

27 Monday. Fair, light Wind,  
Islands still in sight & Sloop  
in tow.

28 Tuesday. Fair light Wind,  
The same Remark as  
yesterday.

29 Wednesday. Fair pleasant  
Weather & moderate Winds  
The Sloop in Tow. — Sundry  
People have the Itch.

30 Thursday. Fair moderate  
& pleasant. Lat. 25:52 N.

31 Friday. Fair pleasant Windy  
& Weather.

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